



**DRY CREEK RANCHERIA
BAND OF POMO INDIANS**

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Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how the Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services/Subsidies

- The Dry Creek Rancheria Child Care Program does plan to use CRRSA funds to provide direct child care services. It will use funds to support child care for families who are not currently enrolled in the Tribe's program and who are not currently receiving child care. We have several likely families identified. Some or all of these families will use Providers who were not participating in the subsidy system prior to the pandemic. To the extent possible, we will prioritize child care subsidy assistance to Tribal members who are health care sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, farm and other food service workers, and/or other workers deemed essential or frontline during the response to COVID-19.

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

- The Dry Creek Rancheria Child Care Program plans to use CRRSA funds to provide resources, supplies, and/or technical assistance to child care providers to support implementation of health and safety practices and policies in line with guidance from State and local health departments and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The

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Tribe will accomplish this by offering child care Providers mini-grants to address health and safety issues. The Tribe will also provide portable air filters/scrubbers to all providers in its program.

3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

- Please see above under Section 2, for a description of H&S mini grants.

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

- Dry Creek Rancheria Child Care Program plans to use CRRSA funds to provide assistance to Providers who weren't participating in the subsidy system prior to the pandemic. As noted above, it has several Providers in mind.

5. Other

The Dry Creek Rancheria Child Care Program plans to do the following:

- Offer financial and technical assistance to individuals/families looking to start a new family child care program
- Waive co-payments for all families participating in its Program

The Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

/s/

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